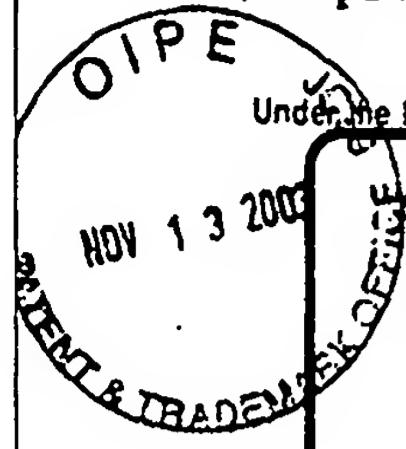


Express Mail No. EL 969566041 US

PTO/SB/08A (10-96)

Approved for use through 10/31/99, OMB 0651-0031

Approved for use through 10/31/93. OMB 0610-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.



**Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.**

Substitute for form 1449AVPTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

97

3

*Complete if Known*

Application Number	10/645,417
Filing Date	08/21/2003
First Named Inventor	KRIEPS, et al.
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	26437.02

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
CWA		Des 339,633		Porter	09-21-1993	
		Des 342,997		Buck, et al.	01-04-1994	
		3,594,820		McCurry	07-27-1971	
		4,560,381		Southwell	12-24-1985	
		4,695,278		Lawson	09-22-1987	
		4,795,454		Dragoo	01-03-1989	
		4,883,481		Blanchard	11-28-1989	
		5,601,544		Glaug, et al.	02-11-1997	
		5,607,416		Yamamoto, et al.	03-04-1997	
		5,700,256		Yamamoto, et al.	12-23-1997	
		5,746,732		Olsson, et al.	05-05-1998	
		5,827,261		Osborn, III, et al.	10-27-1998	
		5,836,932		Buell, et al.	11-17-1998	
		5,843,068		Allen, et al.	12-01-1998	
		5,858,013		Kling	01-12-1999	
		5,941,865		Otsubo, et al.	08-24-1999	
		5,997,521		Robles, et al.	12-07-1999	
		6,149,636		Roe, et al.	11-21-2000	
		6,149,637		Allen, et al.	11-21-2000	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**Examiner  
Signature**

22d

Date  
Considered

6/27/05

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.  
**DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

Express Mail No. EL 969566041 US NOV 13 2003

MAY 13 2003

PTO/SB/08A (06-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2003. OMB 0651-0031

**Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	10/645,417
		Filing Date	08/21/2003
		First Named Inventor	KRIEPS, et al.
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Sheet	2	of	2
		Attorney Docket Number	26437.02

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.